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SUBJECT: TURKISH CYPRIOT DECLARATION OF ADVISORY AIRSPACE IN
NICOSIA FIR

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1. AS INSTRUCTIONS PARAGRAPH 4 REF A WERE DRAFTED PRIOR TO
DEPARTMENT'S KNOWLEDGE OF THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN REF B,
I REQUEST THAT THOSE INSTRUCTIONS BE REVIEWED. IF DEPARTMENT
DESIRES EMBASSY TO GO BACK TO TURKS ON THIS SUBJECT, WE
OF COURSE ARE PREPARED TO DO SO; HOWEVER, I DO NOT RECOMMEND
A COLLECTIVE DEMARCHE, BELIEVING THAT A SERIES OF INDIVIDUAL
EFFORTS BY THIS AND OTHER EMBASSIES IS LIKELY TO BE MORE
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EFFECTIVE. (DEPARTMENT SHOULD BE AWARE THAT EXCEPT FOR UK WE HAVE NOT
SO FAR ENCOUNTERED MUCH CONCERN ABOUT THIS PROBLEM AMONG OUR
COLLEAGUES IN OTHER EMBASSIES HERE.)

2. WITH RESPECT TO THE SUBSTANCE OF ANY FURTHER APPROACH
WE MIGHT MAKE TO THE GOT, I RECOMMEND THAT IT NOT BE BASED

SOLELY REPEAT SOLELY ON THE ARGUMENT OF SAFETY SINCE GOT RESPONSE
WILL MOST LIKELY BE THAT THE REASON THAT THEY HAD DECLARED AN
ADVISORY AIR SPACE NORTH OF CYPRUS IS TO PROMOTE SAFETY. I,
THEREFORE, RECOMMEND WE MAKE THE FOLLOWING POINTS IN OUR APPROACH:

A. AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL OF THE SAME AREA BY TWO SEPARATE
ENTITIES IS EXTREMELY HAZARDOUS.

B. THE DECLARATION OF A SEPARATE AND DISTINCT ZONE WITHIN
THE NICOSIA FIR IS NOT CONSISTENT WITH ESTABLISHED PROCEDURES.
WE, THEREFORE, CANNOT ACCEPT EXISTENCE OF SUCH AN AREA UNLESS
AND UNTIL APPROVED BY APPROPRIATE INTERNATIONAL UATHORITIES.
MOREOVER, THE IMPLICATION OF TFSC SOVEREIGNTY ENTRAILED IN THE
DELCARATION OF SUCH A ZONE IS UNACCEPTABLE.

C. AN ATTEMPT BY THE TFSC TO ASSERT CONTROL OF AIR TRAFFIC
WITHIN ANY PART OF THE NICOSIA FIR COULD LEAD TO CLOSURE OF
ALL AIRWAYS IN THE DISPUTED AREA AS HAPPENED IN THE AEGEAN.
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